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THE OWL

by
Frank
Howard

HAVING SUCCESSFULLY WON THE CONFIDENCE OF THE SPECTRE, WHO THINKS SHE IS THE Owl, AND GAINED ADMITTANCE TO THE SPECTRE'S SABOTAGE RING, BELLE WAYNE AWAITS THE COMING OF THE REAL Owl (NICK TERRY) AT MIDNIGHT!



TELL ME, S-22 — ARE YOU THE ONLY GIRL MEMBER OF SPECTRE'S ORGANIZATION? — WHAT IS YOUR REAL NAME? — WAS THIS FLYING SCHOOL ALWAYS YOUR HEADQUARTERS?



I AM TOO TIRED TO ANSWER STUPID QUESTIONS, NOSEY OWL! — BESIDES, I DO NOT TRUST YOU, AND I AM LETTING YOU SHARE MY QUARTERS ONLY BECAUSE THE SPECTRE HAS ORDERED ME TO DO SO!!

I'M SORRY, S-22 —! — BUT JUST ONE THING — SINCE NO PERSON HAS EVER SEEN THE SPECTRE'S FACE — HAVE YOU NOT OFTEN BEEN TEMPTED TO PEEK UNDER HIS HOOD — SAY — WHILE HE IS ASLEEP?

YOU ARE INDEED A DUNCE, OWL! — THE SPECTRE NEVER SLEEPS — NEVER IN TWENTY YEARS HAS HE RESTED OR PAUSED IN HIS STRUGGLE TO BECOME MASTER OF THE WORLD!! — HOWEVER, I AM NOT THIS GIFTED, SO STOP YOUR CHATTER AND LET ME SLEEP!



— HASN'T SLEPT IN TWENTY YEARS! — WHAT MATTER OF MAN IS HE? — WE'LL FIND OUT WHEN THE OWL ARRIVES! — GOOD OL' NICK! — HOW I LOVE TO WATCH THAT BIG FELLOW SWING INTO ACTION!





-HOW THE TIME DRAGS! -IT'LL BE AT LEAST TWO HOURS BEFORE NICK GETS HERE! -I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO GET A PEEK AT SPECTRE'S FACE!
-WELL, WHY NOT? -NO, I MUSTN'T RISK IT - OR SHOULD I? -??



NUTS! -THIS SUSPENSE IS GETTING ME DOWN! - S-22 IS BREATHING HEAVILY -
-SOUND ASLEEP! -SPECTRE NEVER SLEEPS, EH? -WELL, I'M GOING TO FIND OUT !!



-AIOIS, SLEEPING BEAUTY! -I HOPE YOU CHOKE ON A NIGHTMARE!



-THE SHALLOW FOOL! -I KNEW SHE WAS WORKING A DOUBLE-CROSS! - SHE MUST THINK -HELLO! -S-22 -GIVE ME THE SPECTRE'S SUITE !!

-YOU SAY SHE DRESSED AND LEFT YOUR QUARTERS?? -H-MM!
-YES -YES, IF SHE COMES HERE I'LL BE READY FOR HER -!!
-THANK YOU, S-22!

HER CURIOSITY HAVING GOTTEN THE BETTER OF HER, BELLE MOVES CAUTIOUSLY TOWARD THE SPECTRE'S SUITE !!

MADE IT! -THE DOOR IS UNLOCKED, TOO!!
-MAYBE I-I SHOULD GO B-BACK-NO! -THE SPECTRE *MUST* HAVE A FACE, AND I'M GOING TO BE THE FIRST TO SEE IT!

THERE HE IS! -WHAT A BREAK! -ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TIPTOE UP - REACH OVER THE CHAIR - AND SNATCH BACK HIS HOOD !!



WHEW! -THAT WAS A NARROW SQUEAK! -ONE OF SPECTRE'S DEATH'S-HEAD GUNMEN PATROLING HIS NIGHT WATCH!





-AND I THOUGHT THE OWL WAS FAMED FOR BEING CLEVER!!

OH!



-SO!- YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE MY FACE! -IS THAT IT? -VERY WELL, TRAITOROUS OWL - YOU SHALL SEE IT- **BEFORE YOU DIE!!**



OH!-HOW H-HORRIBLE! -IT'S BLACK AND-AND YOUR LOWER JAW IS **GONE!**

-IT'S NOT A PRETTY SIGHT, IS IT?- AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT CAUSED IT?- SHELL FIRE FROM AMERICAN TROOPS AT THE BATTLE OF ST. MIHIEL IN THE GREAT WAR!!



FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS, I HAVE BEEN JUST A HOODED FIGURE WITH NOTHING TO LIVE FOR BUT POWER AND REVENGE - REVENGE ON AMERICA! - **GUARD!**

UGH!



THE OWL HAS BETRAYED OUR TRUST-TAKE HER TO THE DUNGEON AND ARRANGE HER EXECUTION AT DAWN!

-IT WILL BE A PLEASURE!



AND HIGH ABOVE THE FLYING FIELD, CIRCLES THE OWLPLANE!

THERE'S HANGAR 13! - MUST LAND QUIETLY!

THE OWL

THE SPEEDY SHIP AND ITS
FAMED PILOT FLIGHT !!



- QUIET AS A
TOMB!



- SOMETHING'S
GONE WRONG -
BELLE SAID
SHE WOULD
LEAVE THIS DOOR
UNLOCKED! - MAYBE
THEY'VE DISCOVERED
HER RUSE!
- BETTER HURRY!



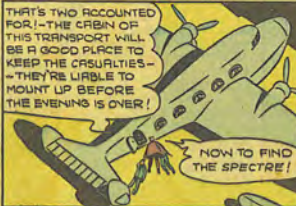
WINDOWS ARE JUST
AS GOOD AS DOORS!
- WELL! - WHO HAVE WE
HERE? - I BELIEVE THESE
GENTLEMEN ARE SCHEDULED
TO BE VICTIMS
NUMBER ONE AND TWO!

SILENTLY, THE OWL
PLUMMETS DOWN-
WARD !!

THIS IS CALLED THE
NUTCRACKER SWEET!



THAT'S TWO ACCOUNTED
FOR! - THE CABIN OF
THIS TRANSPORT WILL
BE A GOOD PLACE TO
KEEP THE CASUALTIES -
- THEY'RE LIABLE TO
MOUNT UP BEFORE
THE EVENING IS OVER!



NOW TO FIND
THE SPECTRE!

SHIFTING TO THE
SPECTRE'S SUITE -

TRICKED BY A GIRL!
- BUT I SHALL HAVE THE
LAST LAUGH - AS USUAL!
- THE OWL HAS BEEN
GREATLY OVERRATED -

LISTEN!

- WHAT
WAS THAT?!

I AM NERVOUS TONIGHT,
- EVERY LITTLE SOUND
STARTLES ME !!



MAKE NO OUTCRY UNLESS
YOU WANT A BROKEN
BACK !! - WHEN I
RELEASE YOU -
- TALK QUIETLY!



THE OWL



THE OWL

SLOWLY THE STONE WALL SWINGS OUT!!



-IT'S MOVING!

AND CHAINED TO ITS OPPOSITE SIDE



BELLE!

NICK!
-OH—
-THANK HEAVEN!

POOR KID!-HOW DO YOU FEEL? -I'LL FREE YOU IN A JIFFY!

I-I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!



-WE HAVE A LARGE EVENING AHEAD! -YOU STAY HERE AND WATCH OVER SPECTRE, -THE TORPEDO, AND THE PAINT CAN -I'LL BE BACK SHORTLY!



-I MUST COMPLETE MY ROUNDS - SIT TIGHT, BELLE!



QUICKLY, THE OWL STRIKES IN EVERY NOOK AND CORNER OF THE HUGE HANGAR!



THE OWL RETURNS TO BELLE WITH HIS VICTIMS !!

QUITE A LOAD, HEY? -THIS ACCOUNTS FOR ALL THE RINGLEADERS EXCEPT THE GIRL, S-22 -SHE CHOSE SUICIDE RATHER THAN CAPTURE!



-IN THEY GO - WITH THE OTHERS! -NOW I'M GOING TO ROLL OUT THIS TRANSPORT, BELLE, AND YOU'RE GOING TO FLY IT!



THE OWL

-PRETTY BIG SHIP—
-THINK YOU CAN GET
HER INTO THE AIR?—
-ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT!
DON'T GET MAD!-NOW
LISTEN-CIRCLE UNTIL
YOU SEE HANGAR 13
IN FLAMES-THEN LAND!
-BUT SOON AS YOU LAND,
LEAVE THE
SHIP AND
GET OUT OF
SIGHT!-OK?



-MADE IT!
-LUCK TO YOU,
BABY!

-LET'S GO, SPECTRE!!—
-THE OWLPLANE IS
WAITING FOR US!!



THAT LOOKS SHIP-SHAPE!!—
NOW COMES THE TIME TO USE
THE LUMINOUS PAINT!



THE OWL LEAPS TO THE ROOF OF HANGAR 13!

THIS LUMINOUS
PAINT WILL
FURNISH ME
WITH A BULL'S-
EYE TARGET!



-THAT'S DONE!-AND SPECTRE
IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS!-GOOD!
-THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE
TAKE-OFF AND FINAL
CHAPTER!



THE TORPEDO SPEEDS TRUE TO ITS MARK!

GAINING ALTITUDE, THE OWLPLANE CIRCLES
TWICE OVER HANGAR 13—SUDDENLY—

-CUT THE
ROPE'S AND
DOWN SHE
GOES!



THE OWL

AT A NEAR-BY FARM HOUSE, OCCUPANTS ARE THROWN FROM THEIR BEDS BY THE CONCUSSION!

POLICE, FIREMEN AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS SOON ARRIVE AT THE SCENE!

POLICE!-FIRE!-BIG EXPLOSION AT ACE AIRPORT-HURRY!

-WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS, CHIEF?

I DUNNO-ZOOK!
-A TRANSPORT COMING IN-C'MON!
WE'LL CHECK ON 'ER!



THE CABIN IS FULL OF DEAD MEN!-NO-THEY'RE JUST UNCONSCIOUS!

CHIEF!-LOOK UP THERE!!
-A PARACHUTE!

WHAT TH-!!
THE PILOT'S GONE!



HE'S ALIVE -B-BUT LOOK AT HIS FACE!

HEY!-IT'S THE SPECTRE!
-THE F.B.I. HAS BEEN LOOKIN' FOR HIM FOR A YEAR!!

THERE'S A NOTE PINNED ON HIM!

WHAT DOES THE NOTE SAY, CHIEF?



THE OWL AGAIN--!!
-WHY-OH-WHY WAS I EVER BORN!?

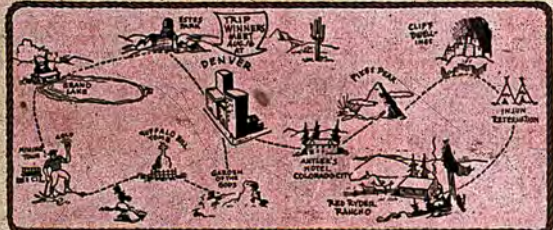


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CYCLONE



CYCLONE

STUBBORNLY CYCLOPE
FIGHTS THE DRUG
THAT IS PARALYZING
HIS BRAIN



BETTER MAKE
SURE OF THE
BIG LAD FIRST!



SO YOU DOPED
THE WATER.
YOU GAVE US
YOU LOW
DOWN SCUM!

I SHOULD HAVE SLAMMED
YOU WHEN I HAD THE
CHANCE!

IF YOU
LEAVE US
LIKE THIS,
YOU'RE A
MURDERER.



AS THE DRUG WEARS
OFF, THE THREE FRIENDS
FIND THEMSELVES HELPLESS.

MAYBE THE MOUNTED POLICE WILL
FIND WHAT'S LEFT OF YOU...
THEY'RE ON
MY TRAIL!



BYE-BYE,
MY FRIENDS,
AND THANKS
FOR
EVERYTHING

YOU HAVEN'T GOT
AWAY WITH IT
YET!



AT THE FAMILIAR SIGNAL,
CAUCO BECOMES A BUCKING,
SCREAMING, WHIRLWIND
ON-HOOPS!



FROM CYCLOPE'S
LIPS SOUNDS A
PIERCING WHISTLE



CYCLONE



CYCLONE



HIS MASTER'S SHOUT SENDS CALICO RACING OUT OF SIGHT.



THE ABO CHIEF TAKES CYCLONE'S GUN BELTS FROM THE DAZED OUTLAW.



THE CAPTIVES ARE HERDED ALONG THE TRAIL.



HOW DO YOU LIKE WEARING ROPE BRACELETS, HOSS THIEF?

THE CONVICTS TEMPER IS POISONOUS

YAH / I HOPE THOSE BLACK FELLOWS SKIN YOU ALIVE



OH MIDGE / HAVE YOU ANY IDEA WHAT THESE SAVAGES ARE GOING TO DO WITH US ?

NO / BUT I HAVE SEVERAL IDEAS OF WHAT I'M GOING TO DO TO THEM--AND THEY'RE ALL KNOCK-OUTS /



I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU DIE SLOW, YANK!

CYCLONE



“I’LL GET EVEN WITH YOU FOR THIS, YOU BIG APE!”

“DON’T YOU DARE TELL THEM I’M YOUR WOMAN!”

“IT’S TIME I TOOK THE STRUT OUT OF THAT GREASY GORILLA!”

PROUDLY THE CHIEF SHOWS OFF HIS CAPTIVES



EXPERTLY MIDGE SLIPS HIS BONDS



DALMING A TINY FLASK, MIDGE SIPPS A FEW DROPS OF A SPECIAL CHEMICAL



“BIG MAGIC! LITTLE MAN EATS FIRE!”

A GROAN OF SUPERSTITIOUS TERROR RISES FROM THE ASSEMBLED TROOP

CYCLONE



CYCLONE

SEEING CYCLONE AND SANDY FREE, THE CHIEF ORDERS THE MOB TO RUSH THEM.

KILL! KILL!



DOWN, SANDY--- MIDGE!

HELP! CUT ME LOOSE TOO!



THE NEAREST ARMS ARE MOWED DOWN.



EMPTY OF BULLETS, CYCLONE'S GUNS BECOME DEADLY CLUBS.

RUN! WHITE MAN KILL US ALL!



CYCLONE

COME BACK HERE-- I NEED THAT CARTRIDGE BELT!



CYCLONE OVERTAKES THE FLEEING CHIEF

TR-R-EE-EET!

HOLDING THE ABO HELPLESS, HE GIVES A SHRILL WHISTLE.



AT HIS MASTER'S CALL, CALICO CHARGES THROUGH THE MOB OF CRINGING BLACKS.



SANDY-- YOU CLIMB ON CALICO WITH MIDGE!



OKAY, CYCLONE!

TAKE THIS GUN-- AND SHOOT THE CHIEF IF ANY ABO MAKES A FUNNY MOVE... I'LL GUARD THE REAR!

AND I'LL GUARD THE SADDLE BAGS!



WITH SANDY AND MIDGE MOUNTED, THE PARTY PREPARES TO MOVE OUT.

/ SAY, VANK / YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME FOR THESE BLACK DEVILS!

WHY NOT? DIDN'T YOU LEAVE US TO DIE OF THIRST?



CYCLONE



CYCLONE





WORRIED AND DISHEARTENED OVER PAUL AND ANDY'S LONG ABSENCE AFTER THE RAGING STORM, MAM FINALLY BREAKS DOWN...

—ARISTO WICAL



THEY'RE GONE... **GONE FOREVER...** ON MY BOCA, SON, WILL I'VE BEEN **TWO WHOLE DAYS SINCE THEY WERE WASHED OUT TO SEA!**

BUCK UP, MAM! WE MUSTN'T LOSE FAITH! PAUL AND ANDY ARE EXPERIENCED SAILORS... **I'M POSITIVE THAT SOMEHOW, SOMEWAY THEY CAME THROUGH THE STORM ALIVE!**



TIME I RELIEVED MARY AT THE LOOK-OUT TOWER... **KEEP YOUR CHIN UP, PAUL AND ANDY WILL COME BACK!**

H-LL T-TRY... **SEND MARY RIGHT DOWN... HEAR, LUNCH IS READY!**



DADDY!... QUICK DADDY... A BOAT'S COMING!

IN A MINUTE... **WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE... CAN YOU MAKE IT OUT?**



IT'S TOO FAR AWAY TO SEE ANYTHING.

H-M-M... **LOOKS LIKE... YES IT IS!... A NATIVE CANOE!**



JOHN WATCHES THE SMALL BOAT BEING SWEEP INTO THE SHOREWARD CURRENT AND SHOT TOWARDS THE ISLAND.



GRABBING UP HIS RIFLE AND CARTRIDGES, JOHN HURRIES TO THE BEACH TO GREET THE ONCOMING VISITOR.

WHO'S COMING, DADDY?

DON'T KNOW YET, PETER... **BUT IT'S A NATIVE CANOE AND THERE MAY BE TROUBLE, SO KEEP OUT OF THE WAY!**

THE CRUSOES



QUICKLY PAUL AND ANDY TELL HOW THEY WERE SWEPT OUT TO SEA BY THE STORM, CAPTURED BY A RAIDING PARTY OF NATIVES RETURNING FROM A LOOTING EXPEDITION ACROSS THE SEA, AND FINALLY OF THEIR DARING ESCAPE, DISGUISED AS NATIVE PRIESTS...

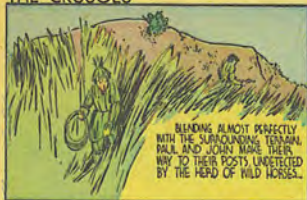


THE CRUOSOE



THE CRUSOES





BLENDING ALMOST PERFECTLY WITH THE SURROUNDING TERRAIN, PAUL AND JOHN MAKE THEIR WAY TO THEIR POSTS UNDETECTED BY THE HERD OF WILD HORSES...



WAHOOOO! YIPPEE! GET ALONG THERE...GET!

BANG! BANG!



HERE'S MY YEARLING!



DEFTLY PAUL RICKS THE LASSO OVER THE YEARLING'S HEAD...



OUCH! WHOA THERE... OUCH... FOR GOSH SAKE!



HATE... TO DO THIS... BUT IT'S... ME OR YOU!

THE CRUSOES



GOT HIM, DAD...

GREAT! I'LL PUT THIS SECOND ROPE AROUND HIM SO THERE'S SURE HE DOESN'T BREAK AWAY!



HOLD HIM STEADY, DAD, WHILE I MOUNT. STAND CLEAR WHEN YOU LET GO... HE'S GONNA BUCK!

HOLD TIGHT!

THEY BLINDFOLD THE HORSE AND SLIP A ROPE HACKAMORE OVER HIS HEAD.



YIP...YIP... VEEEE!

GIVE HIM HIS HEAD!



WAWOOOO! RIDE 'EM COWBOY!



EASY, EASY, BOY, THAT'S IT... HE'S OKAY, DAD... NERVOUS BUT MEEK AS A LAMB!

YOU'D HAVE WON THE GRAND PRIZE IN ANY RODEO WITH THAT BRONC-BUSTING EXHIBITION... GOOD WORK!



WE'VE GOT TO GET ANOTHER ONE FOR YOU, DAD.

WHY JUST ONE?... IF WE CAN FIND A NATURAL CORRAL, WE CAN CAPTURE THE WHOLE HEAD!

THE CRUSOES

LOOK, DAD... THERE'S A NARROW GULLEY... WE CAN FENCE OFF THE BACK AND BUILD A SWING GATE AT THE ENTRANCE!

PERFECT! LET'S GET STARTED!



SOON THE BACK FENCE FOR THE MAKE-SHIFT CORRAL IS FINISHED...

THAT'S THE LAST RAIL IN THE FENCE.

AND A GOOD STRONG FENCE IT IS, DAD... NOW TO BUILD THE SWINGING GATE!



AN HOUR LATER, THE GATE IS IN PLACE, READY FOR USE...

NOW WE'RE READY, PAUL... HOP ON YOUR HORSE AND CIRCLE AROUND THE PLATEAU... THAT WAY YOU'LL COME UP BEHIND THE HORSES!

THEN I DRIVE 'EM IN HERE AND YOU SHUT THE GATE SHUT... HERE'S HOPIN'!



GOOD LUCK, PAUL... CAREFUL!



WA-HOOO!

BANG BANG



THE CRUSOES



WHAT'S IT DO,
SWING THE GATE
SUJIT!

RIGHT, SON.
WE'VE GOT
'EM ALL!



GEE, DAD... A HERD OF OUR
OWN HORSES! WE CAN
START A RANCH!

MORE THAN THAT, PAUL... THIS
LAND IS PERFECT FARM LAND...
WE'LL BUILD A RANCH
HOME OUT HERE
WHERE WE CAN
FARM AND RAISE
LIVE-STOCK!



AFTER BREAKING IN ANOTHER
HORSE, PAUL AND JOHN RIDE
BACK TO THE TREE HOUSE
TO BREAK THE
GOOD NEWS TO
THE FAMILY.

WE'LL BRING THE FAMILY
BACK SO WE CAN ALL PITCH IN
GET A CROP STARTED BEFORE
THE SEASONS TOO
FAR GONE!

GOSH! WILL
THEY BE SURPRISED WHEN
THEY LEARN WE'VE GOT
A WHOLE HERD OF
HORSES AND A BIG
FARM FOR 'EM!



YIP-YIPEEE!

GANG WAY...
HERE WE
COME!



HOLD YOUR FIRE! IT'S
IT'S... MISTUH JOHN
AND PAUL!

LOOK! THEY'RE RIDING
HORSES-OF ALL
THINGS!

WE'RE
BACK!

BUT NOT
FOR LONG!



WHY WON'T YOU
BE HERE LONG,
JOHN?

OVER THERE, BEYOND THE JUNGLE, IS A
LARGE OPEN PLAIN... THE SOIL IS PERFECT
FOR FARMING AND GRADING!

WE'RE ALL STARTING OUT TOMORROW MORNING TO
PLANT THE FIRST CROP AND BUILD OUR
RANCH HOUSE!

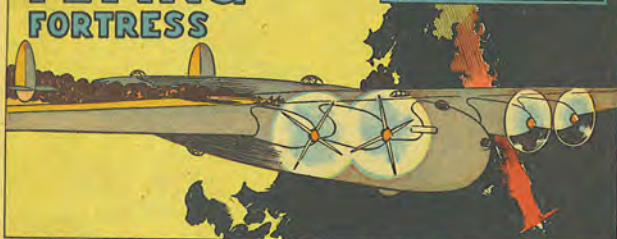
DO TELL... WE'RE
GOING HAVE A
SUMMER AND
WINTER HOME!

CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

STRATOSPHERE JIM

AND HIS
FLYING
FORTRESS

AFTER RESCUING THE OCCUPANTS OF A WRECKED BRITISH BOMBER, JIM DISCOVERS ONE OF THEM IS THE PRINCESS HELEN OF LATINIA, WHO IS FLEEING TO ENGLAND TO ESCAPE BEING KIDNAPPED BY THE ENEMY. -- ATTACKED CONSTANTLY BY ENEMY PLANES, THE FLYING FORTRESS IS HIT BY A BOMB ON THE RIGHT WING, AND THE TWO RIGHT MOTORS GO DEAD!! -- THEN FIRE BREAKS OUT!!



OH FINE! -- THAT'S ALL WE NEED... A FIRE TO KEEP US WARM!! GET THE WING FIRE-DOORS CLOSED, HARRY

I'LL TAKE CHARGE OF THE FIRE-FIGHTING, JIM... YOU KEEP YOUR MIND ON THE FLYING



WE'RE SLOWLY LOSING ALTITUDE WITH JUST TWO MOTORS RUNNING, BUT HELICOPTERS WILL REMEDY THAT TROUBLE. --



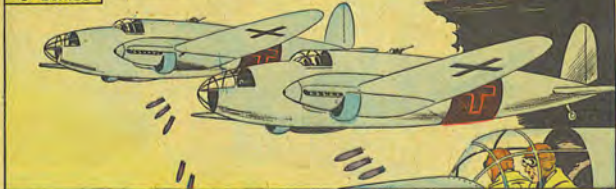
ASBESTOS-COVERED FIRE-MEN ENTER THE FLAMING ENGINE ROOM

THREE OF THE BOYS WERE KILLED BY THE BOMB, SIR!! THE REST OF US GOT OUT WHEN THE FIRE GOT OUT OF CONTROL. --



FLYING FORTRESS

HIGH ABOVE THE FLYING FORTRESS, THE ENEMY BOMBERS DROP ANOTHER "STICK" OF BOMBS



- BUT JIM'S CONSTANT CHANGING OF COURSE MAKES THE BOMBS MISS !!



HOT DAWG... CHALK UP ONE, BOY!! WE HIT 'IM



ONE OF THE ENEMY BOMBERS FALTERS, AND DIVES OUT OF FORMATION



HELLO !! I SEEM TO HAVE BROUGHT YOU CHAPS A SPOT OF TROUBLE !!



I'M PRINCESS HELEN... THAT SHAPELESS BUNDLE YOU PULLED OUT OF THE BRITISH BOMBER



YOU STILL MAKE QUITE A BUNDLE... BUT IT ISN'T SHAPELESS NOW HAVE A SEAT--

FLYING FORTRESS

HI-M... I THINK YOU AND I SHALL GET ALONG, FRIEND. YOUR PAL HARRY WANTED ME TO TELL YOU THE FIRE IS PRACTICALLY OUT



GOOD... I'M TRYING TO GET INTO THOSE CLOUDS AHEAD... WE CAN STAY IN THEM BY USING OUR HELICOPTERS



AS THE SKY GIANT INTO THE SHELTER OF THE CLOUDS, JIM'S GUNNERS BAG ANOTHER BOMBER -- !!



ACH!! THAT GIANT GOES INTO THOSE CLOUDS AND DOESN'T COME OUT!! IT'S JUST VANISHED---

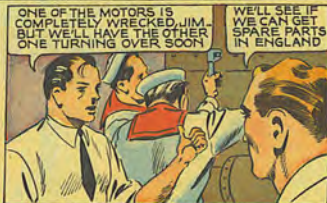


WELL, WE'RE SAFE FOR THE TIME BEING... NOW TO SEE ABOUT THOSE MOTORS



ONE OF THE MOTORS IS COMPLETELY WRECKED, JIM - BUT WE'LL HAVE THE OTHER ONE TURNING OVER SOON

WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN GET SPARE PARTS IN ENGLAND



FLYING FORTRESS

A SHORT TIME LATER,
WITH HER THREE MOTORS
RUMBLING, THE FLYING
FORTRESS EMERGES
FROM THE CLOUDS---

WELL, WELL... I GUESS OUR FRIENDS,
THE ENEMY, HAVE GONE HOME---

UNKNOWN TO JIM, HOWEVER, ENEMY
FIGHTERS ARE PROWLING THROUGH THE
CLOUDS, SEARCHING FOR THE SKY GIANT
TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT WHERE THE BOMBER'S
LEFT OFF DUE TO LACK OF GAS---

THE CRIPPLED FLYING FORTRESS DRONES
ON TOWARD ENGLAND... AND IS FINALLY
SPOTTED BY THE ENEMY PLANES... !!

OH, SO... THERE IT IS... THOSE
BLUNDERING BOMBERS COULDN'T
DO THE JOB SO THEY HAVE TO
ORDER UP MY CHECKER-TAIL
SQUADRON

OUR MACHINE-GUNS ARE USELESS AGAINST
THAT ARMORED HULL... JUST USE YOUR
CANNONS, MEN,
AND AIM AT
THE GLASS
TURRETS

-- AND THE LEADER OF
THE FAMOUS, DEADLY
CHECKER-TAILS, NOSES
DOWN TO ATTACK... !!

FLYING FORTRESS

AGAIN THE GUNS ABOARD THE FORTRESS BLAZE INTO ACTION --- ONE OF THE DIVING CHECKER-TAILS IS LITERALLY SHOT IN TWO !!

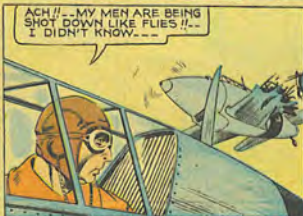


ACH, SUCH A GIANT --- SO MANY GUNS!



BETTER GET BACK INSIDE, PRINCESS --- THOSE CHECKER-TAILED DEVILS ARE SHOOTING AT OUR GLASS PORTS !!

AS THE ENEMY LEADER ZOOMS OVER THE FLYING FORTRESS, HE REALIZES HIS FAMOUS CHECKER-TAILS ARE NO MATCH FOR THIS MONSTER



ACH !! -- MY MEN ARE BEING SHOT DOWN LIKE FLIES !! -- I DIDN'T KNOW ---



ONE OF THE CHECKER-TAILS FIRES HIS PROP CANNON SQUARELY INTO JIM'S COCKPIT, HOWEVER, AND HIS AIM IS GOOD ---



THE SHELL HITS THE COCKPIT COAMING, SENDING A SHOWER OF GLASS AND INSTRUMENTS BACK INTO JIM'S FACE !!



JIM! JIM!
OH --- GOOD HEAVENS !! --- HE'S UNCONSCIOUS

FLYING FORTRESS



I'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE WHEEL... THE COMMUNICATION PHONE IS WRECKED... WHY DOESN'T SOMEBODY GET IN HERE AND HELP ME!



MEANWHILE, AS THE ENEMY SQUADRON LEADER PULLS UP, A BURST OF LEAD RIPS HIS RUDDER TO SHREDS...



COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL, THE CHECKER-TAIL HOWLS INTO A DIVE AND CRASHES ON THE BROAD WING OF THE FLYING FORTRESS...!!



HEY, JIM!! I TRIED TO GET YOU ON THE PHONE...THEY'RE OUT OF ORDER AND...HEY...JIM!!... PRINCESS, WHAT'S HAPPENED?



THANK HEAVENS, HARRY, TAKE THESE CONTROLS. I'LL LOOK AFTER JIM... A SHELL HIT THE COCKPIT EDGE



HE'S UNCONSCIOUS, POOR BOY!... BUT I DON'T THINK HE'S VERY BADLY HURT, HARRY

JIM IS QUICKLY CARRIED OUT TO THE MEDICAL ROOM... LEAVING HARRY IN COMMAND



"POOR BOY" YET! HM.M.. SOME GUYS GET ALL THE BREAKS!!



THE BATTLE OVER, HARRY SENDS SOME MEN OUT TO CLEAR THE WRECKAGE OF THE CHECKER-TAIL OFF THE WING

FLYING FORTRESS

TAKE IT EASY, BOYS... THIS PILOT AIN'T DEAD! --LOOKS LIKE HE'S THE CHECKER-TAIL'S LEADER--

WHEN JIM REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS, HE FINDS THE PRINCESS AT HIS BEDSIDE AND THE ENEMY FLIGHT LEADER NEARBY

HOW'S THE PLANE DOING, PRINCESS?

IT HAS A FEW MORE HOLES IN IT, BUT WE'LL BE NEAR THE CHANNEL SOON -- AND ENGLAND

YOU HAVE COMPANY IN THE NEXT COT, JIM... BARON VON HELTIG... HE'S NOT BAD OFF, THOUGH...

SUDDENLY A BRITISH SPITFIRE PULLS IN ALONGSIDE OF THE SKY GIANT

LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE AN ESCORT... RADIO THAT PLANE OUR IDENTITY OR WE'LL HAVE THE R.A.F. ON OUR NECKS TOO

FLYING FORTRESS



GOSH, WHAT A GIANT !!
I'M SURE GLAD IT'S
FRIENDLY...I HOPE



I'M GONNA RADIO THAT GUY
TO LEAD US TO HIS FIELD...IF
HE TRUSTS US...I'LL TELL
HIM WE
HAVE THE
PRINCESS
ABOARD



SO THEY HAVE THE
PRINCESS HELEN, EH



THAT EXPLAINS WHY THE BOMBER
WHICH WAS SENT TO GET HER, IS
SO LONG OVERDUE



I'LL RADIO HOME THAT
I'M BRINGING IN A
FLYING BATTLESHIP



THE TINY SPITFIRE LEADS THE FLYING
FORTRESS ACROSS THE ENGLISH COUNTRY-
-SIDE ----



WELL, PRINCESS, WE'LL HAVE
YOU DOWN SAFE AND SOUND
IN A SHORT WHILE ---



AS LONG AS
YOU BOYS
ARE
AROUND
I'LL
FEEL
SAFE

TO BE CONTINUED

Don Winslow

OF THE
NAVY

by
F.V. MARTINEK

WINSLOW, CAN YOU
LEAVE THE BRIDGE?
YOU HAVEN'T MET SOME
OF MY PARTY

STEAMING DOWN
CHESAPEAKE BAY THE
PALATIAL YACHT SOUTHERN
BREEZE IS HEADING FOR
CUBAN WATERS WHERE A
FINAL SHOWDOWN WITH
OWM-EYES SEEMS CERTAIN

MY SISTER,
MRS. GILE, AND
MY NEPHEW,
ROSCOE GILE.

SEE?
I TOLD YOU
HE WAS
HANDSOME!

SAY! GET A LOAD OF
THIS SOCIETY NOTE, OWM-EYES--
EDWARD GATES' YACHT SAILS
TODAY FOR CUBAN WATERS--
AND JESSIE THORNDYKE'S
IN THE PARTY!

YEAH?

AND IN THE
MEANTIME,
LYING LOW
IN A SMALL
BALTIMORE
HOTEL--

CUBAN WATERS--OUR OWN
LITTLE PLAYGROUND/ WON'T IT BE
TOO BAD IF SOME ACCIDENT HAPPENS
TO THAT YACHT... IF IT SHOULD
SINK WITH ALL HANDS!!

WANT A
WORD WITH
YOU, WINSLOW.

JUST A WARNING NOT
TO FORGET YOUR PLACE
ABOARD THIS SHIP. JUST
BECAUSE JESSIE'S RATHER
SOFT-HEARTED DON'T START
GETTING FUNNY IDEAS, SEE?

WHAT?

REMEMBER-
YOU'RE NOTHING
BUT A HIRED
HAND--

SNOBBISH,
ILL-NATURED PUP!!
HOW'D I KEEP FROM
PASTING HIM?

DON WINSLOW



OH, WELL - SKIP IT. THE THING RIGHT NOW IS TO WORK OUT A PLAN TO UPSET OWL-EYES.



BUT IF THIS PEST, ROSCOE GILE, GETS TO INTERFERING WITH THAT I'M GOING TO SQUASH HIM!



OWL-EYES' RACKET IS SMUGGLING - SO HE UNDOUBTEDLY USES FAST MOTORBOATS TO RUN FIRE-ARMS ACROSS TO CUBA FROM SOME LONELY FLORIDA KEY.



ACCORDING TO MY PLAN, WUSTER GATES, WE'LL CRUISE DOWN THE COAST AND DROP ANCHOR NEAR HAWANA -



- SAY, ABOUT HERE -



OWL-EYES IS SURE TO LOCATE US -

- AND HE KNOWS WE HAVE JESSIE ABOARD!



WE'LL FIGURE WE'RE UNARMED - WIDE OPEN FOR A SUDDEN, MURDEROUS ATTACK -



BUT WHEN IT COMES OUR CREW WILL BE ALL SET

WE'LL LAND ON THAT RAT LIKE A TON OF LEAD

MEANTIME - AFTER A QUICK TRIP DOWN THE COAST TO MIAMI - OWL-EYES IS PUSHING ON SOUTHWARD TOWARD AN UNINHABITED PART OF THE FLORIDA KEYS.



LISTEN, CHIEF - YOU CLAIM YOU CAN SINK THAT YACHT WITH ALL ON BOARD - BUT HOW?



SURE, WE'VE GOT FAST MOTORBOATS AND MACHINE-GUNS BUT -

AW, I'M NOT FIGURIN' ON THEM, YOU DOPE!

DON WINSLOW



MEANWHILE, BACK FROM THE BEACH IN A DEEP CHANNEL HIDDEN BY TROPICAL MANGROVES

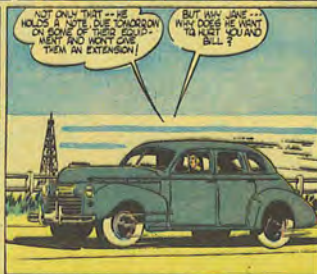


DON WINSLOW



ELLERY QUEEN

ELLERY QUEEN, WITH HIS SECRETARY, NIKKI PORTER, ARRIVE IN REEDTON WHERE THEY ARE TO VACATION WITH NIKKI'S CLOSE FRIEND, JANE LEROY.



ELLERY QUEEN



BECAUSE DAD DOESN'T WANT BILL TO MARRY ME! HE'S TRYING TO RUN BILL, SO WE CAN'T MARRY!

PRETTY UNSCRUPULOUS BUSINESS-- ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE IN WITH BILL!



THERE'S DAD AND BILL-- THEY'RE FIGHTING AGAIN!

YOU BETTER HAVE THAT MONEY IN MY OFFICE BEFORE NOON TOMORROW OR I'LL TAKE MY EQUIPMENT BACK!

JUST TRY IT! YOU'VE DONE EVERYTHING YOU COULD TO STOP US-- BUT YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY WITH THIS!



OH YES! I AM THE MAN ON MY EDGE! I HOLD YOUR NOTE HERE! YOU PAY US ELSE!

IF YOU WEREN'T JANE'S STEPFATHER I'D BREAK EVERY BONE IN YOUR BODY!

LET'S DO IT ANWAY, BILL! HERE WITH YOU BILL!

DAD! BILL! STOP IT!

WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE BILL ALONE? WHY MUST YOU TORTURE HIM AND ME AND RUN ALL HIS FRIENDS!

YOU KNOW I'LL NEVER CONSENT TO YOUR MARRIAGE AND I'LL NEVER LET HIM MAKE ENOUGH MONEY TO ESCAPE!

YOU THREATENED TO KILL ME-- IF I'M FOUND DEAD THERE ARE WITNESSES WHO HEARD YOU!

GET OFF OUR LAND AND GET OFF FAST!



I'LL MAKE MONEY AND WE'LL BE MARRIED EVEN IF IT'S OVER YOUR DEAD BODY!



NOO-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO-- IT'S HORRIBLE!

IT'LL WORK OUT JANE-- SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN!

OH--HELLO, ELLERY-- SORRY YOU HAD TO RUN INTO THIS--

IT'S OK, BILL. I'D LIKE TO HELP YOU AND JANE IF I CAN--



NOTHING CAN HELP US NOW, QUEEN-- WE CAN'T MEET THAT PAYMENT TOMORROW AT NOON! THE GARGES ARE STACKED AGAINST US!

THAT ISN'T THE WORST, ELLERY-- IF WE STOP OPERATION UNTIL WE GET FINANCING IN SEVEN DAYS IT'LL BE TOO LATE-- OUR LEASES ARE MUST STRIKE IN EIGHT DAYS FROM NOW OR WE FORFEIT THE LAND!



EVEN IF WE KEEP DRILLING WE'RE NOT SURE WE'LL STRIKE WITHIN THE EIGHT-DAY LIMIT!

I'LL HAVE A TALK WITH LEON-- MAYBE HE'LL LISTEN TO ME--

YOU'RE WASTING YOUR BREATH, BUT GO AHEAD!

ELLERY QUEEN

ELLERY AND NIKKI CONCLUDE A SHORT BUT TENSE CONFERENCE WITH GALEB LERON - JANE'S STEPFATHER ---



"YOU'RE WELCOME TO BE GUESTS IN MY HOUSE, QUEEN, BUT KEEP YOUR NOSE OUT OF MY BUSINESS! I DON'T WANT YOUR ADVICE OR HELP!!"

"SORRY MR. LERON - WE APPRECIATE YOUR 'HOSPITALITY' BUT AN-ER - WE'VE DECIDED TO TAKE ROOMS AT THE HOTEL - RIGHT, NIKKI?"

"YOU READ MY MIND LIKE A BOOK, ELLERY - LET'S GO!"



"WHAT HAPPENED, ELLERY - NIKKI --- GOOD NEWS?"

"FAT CHANCE!"

"WE TOLD US OFF --- AND GOOD!"

"TO PUT IT MILDLY!"



"HERE'S WHERE WE GOT OFF."

"I'M TERRIBLY SORRY THIS HAD TO HAPPEN, NIKKI AND ELLERY!"

"DON'T LET IT PHASE YOU - WE'LL STAY AT THE HOTEL HERE AND SEE IF WE CAN'T FIGURE SOME ANGLES TO GET YOU KIDS OUT OF THIS MESS."



"ELLERY --- WE'VE JUST GOT TO HELP THEM."

"UNLESS THERE'S SOME LEGAL ESCAPE LERON SLIPPED UP ON - HE'S GOT BILL AND HIS FRIENDS IN A TIGHT SPOT!"



"IMMEDIATELY ELLERY PROCEEDS WITH HIS INVESTIGATION - FIRST STOP - CITY HALL - LAND DEED OFFICE."

"YEP - THE DEED WAS FILED HERE BY GALEB LERON ONE MONTH AGO - THE OIL LAND WAS DEEDED TO WILLIAM STRONG, MICHAEL GREEN, JULIUS KRON AND SAM WRIGHT --"

"AND YOU SAW IT'S A CONDITIONAL DEED - THE LAND REVERTING BACK TO LERON IF OIL IS NOT STRUCK IN TWENTY EIGHT DAYS --- HMM --- THANKS ---"



"I TESTED THAT LAND MYSELF MR. QUEEN --- THERE IS OIL ON IT AND NOT FAR FROM THE SURFACE --- BUT IT'S ALMOST SOLD BACK BY THE WAY DOWN."

"AND THAT MAKES THE DRILLING PROCESS LONG AND HARD BY THE WAY --- I SEE --- THANKS FOR YOUR HELP ---"

ELLERY CONTINUES THROUGH THE AFTERNOON, TEASING DOWN EVERY CONCEALABLE PHASE OF THE TRANSACTION BETWEEN BILL STRONG, HIS FRIENDS AND GALEB LERON --- HE RETURNS TO THE HOTEL AND NIKKI ---



"ELLERY / DO YOU FIND ANYTHING?"

"BLIND ALLEY / LERON'S COVERED HIMSELF FROM EVERY ANGLE / BILL WON'T BE SINGLE LEG TO STAND ON!"

MEANWHILE BILL AND JANE HAVE SPENT THE AFTER-NOON TRYING TO RAISE THE MONEY TO PAY OFF JANE'S STEPFATHER--THEIR ATTEMPTS PROVE FRUITLESS--LERON HAS WARNED EVERY LEADING CITIZEN NOT TO LOAN BILL ANY MONEY!



WE ASKED EVERYONE--- NO ONE WILL LOAN YOU MONEY BECAUSE OF MY STEPFATHER--WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

I DON'T KNOW YET EXACTLY-- BUT SOMETHING! AND TONIGHT!



BILL! DON'T DO ANYTHING WRONG-- PROMISE ME, BILL, PROMISE!

YOU'LL HAVE TO TRUST ME, JANE-- AND STICK BY ME-- NO MATTER WHAT I DO!

THAT NIGHT CALER LERON BITS IN HIS OFFICE, PAGING OVER HIS CONTRACTS, PAPERS AND DEEDS--MUMBING GLEEFULLY TO HIMSELF---



HEH, HEH, HEH --- BILL STRONG THOUGHT HE COULD OUTSMART ME. EH? I KNEW HE COULDN'T HITOL-- IN A MONTH -- MADE BUZZ OF THAT-- NOW -- GOT ALL HIS MONEY -- HIS FRIENDS' MONEY -- BROKE UP MARRIAGE WITH JANE -- HEH HEH -- RUINED HIM!



YOU FIGURED EVERYTHING OUT PERFECT, LERON--- BUT YOU FORGOT ONE THING---

WHAT! WHO'S THAT? YOU -- BILL STRONG I'LL BET!



IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHO IT IS -- YOU KNOW WHAT I'M HERE FOR -- HAND IT OVER!

- DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!



IN PLAIN ENGLISH, I WANT THE NOTE ON THE OIL DRILLING EQUIPMENT-- WE'RE GOING TO CONSIDER IT PAID IN FULL AS OF NOW!

THIS IS ROBBERY, BILL STRONG-- BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE-- YOU'VE GOT A GUN ON ME -- I'LL GET IT -- IT'S IN THE LOCKED FILING CABINET OVER THERE--



OKAY --- GET IT! BUT DON'T TRY ANY TRICKS -- THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT YOU IT WOULD BE A PLEASURE TO PULL THE TRIGGER!

IF YOU DO YOU'LL HAVE A MURDER RAP ON TOP OF ROBBERY -- I'LL LAUGH AT YOU FROM MY GRAVE, BILL STRONG!

KILLER QUEEN

CALEB LEROV OPENS THE FLUNG CABINET



WHY YOU DIRTY----

LEROV THROWS THE FLUNG CABINET OVER TO GIVE HIMSELF BETTER COVER AS THE BULLETS SPLATTER AROUND HIM ----



BOTH GUNS ARE SUDDENLY SILENT FOR SEVERAL MOMENTS-- BOTH MEN AWAITING THEIR CHANCE ----



NEXT MORNING CALEB LEROV'S BODY IS FOUND. ALL EVIDENCE POINTS TO BILL STRONG AS THE KILLER ---

YOU THREATENED TO KILL LEROV--ESTERDAY, BILL--YOUR PARTNERS YOUR GIRL FRIEND, MR. QUEEN, AND MISS PORTER ALL HEARD YOU -- SO I'M ARRESTING YOU FOR LEROV'S MURDER!

A THREAT DOESN'T MEAN HE DID KILL HIM - IT'S ONLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE--

I DIDN'T KILL HIM, I TELL YOU-- EVEN THOUGH I WAS THINKING OF IT!



WHAT'S THIS ELLERY? JUST AN EMPTY CIGARETTE PACKAGE?

CORRECT, NIKKI! I FOUND IT BY LEROV'S BODY-- YOU'LL NOTICE THAT IT'S A NEW PACKAGE-- UNWRINKLED, UNUSED, AS THOUGH THE CIGARETTES WERE TAKEN OUT AT ONE TIME-- I CAN NOW IDENTIFY THE KILLER!



STOP!

AT THIS POINT ELLERY QUEEN HAS THE ONE CLUE IN HIS HAND WHICH SOLVES THE MYSTERY-- IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY THROUGH THE STORY, YOU'LL TIE IT UP WITH THE KILLER ----

ELLERY HAS BILL STRONG'S PARTNERS BROUGHT TO THE SCENE BEFORE HE PROCEEDS WITH HIS EXPLANATION--



WHAT'S THE IDEA OF BRINGING US HERE, QUEEN-- WE ALL HEARD BILL THREATEN LERON!

HOLD ON, JULES-- IF WE CAN HELP CLEAR BILL, WE WANT TO--

THANKS, CASEY-- NOW IF YOU GENTLEMEN WILL DO JUST ONE THING-- PLACE YOUR CIGARETTES ON THE DESK--



YOU ARE CALER LERON'S KILLER!



CASEY!

YES, CASEY! HIS MOTIVE WAS THE SAME AS ALL OF MINE-- TO OBTAIN THE NOTE LERON HELD AGAINST YOU!

YOU CAN'T PROVE IT! YOU CAN'T!



BUT I CAN PROVE IT-- YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE OF THE FOUR PARTNERS WHO USES A CIGARETTE CASE-- YOU FILLED IT LAST NIGHT AFTER YOU MURDERED LERON AND CARELESSLY DROPPED THE EMPTY PACKET ON THE FLOOR--



I ADMIT IT-- I MURDERED HIM BUT IN SELF DEFENSE! I CAME HERE TO GET THE NOTE BACK AND HE OPENED FIRE--

I KNOW-- EVIDENCE OF THE GUN BATTLE IS ALL OVER THE ROOM-- WHEN I TESTIFY AT YOUR TRIAL, I'LL RECOMMEND THAT THIS BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION--



BOB AND BILL

THE SCOUT TWINS

DRAWN BY ROBERT BRICE

BOB AND BILL, THE SCOUT TWINS WERE EXPLORING A GREAT CAVE WHEN THEY WERE CAUGHT IN AN UNDERGROUND LANDSLIDE. THE SLIDE CARRIED THEM MANY MILES BELOW THE EARTH'S SURFACE TO A STRANGE HOLLOW WORLD. AFTER MANY ADVENTURES WITH WIDGETS AND MEN OF GIANT SIZE THEY ARE HELPED BY A GOOD GIANT TO RETURN TO THEIR OWN UPPER WORLD.



YOU THREE SCOUTS HAVE MADE THE MOST REMARKABLE VOYAGE IN HISTORY—CARRIED HERE FROM AFRICA BY A SWIMMING GIANT!

THE LITTLE PRINCESS HERE MADE THE REMARKABLE ONE YOUR HONOR.



SHE MADE THE CROSSING WITH FOUR GIANTS—MR. CARNEY, BILL AND ME, AND THE GIANT WHO CARRIED US.

WELCOME TO NEW YORK, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS!



WE'VE ARRANGED LIVING QUARTERS FOR YOUR GIANT FRIEND IN THE YANKEE STADIUM...

WHAT'S HE SAYING, BILL?



THEY'VE GOT A PLACE FOR YOU TO LIVE WHILE YOU'RE HERE—AT THE OTHER END OF TOWN.

YOU'D BETTER RIDE ON MY SHOULDER AND DIRECT ME, BOYS.



I ONLY HOPE HE DOESN'T TRIP!

HERE WE GO!

MOTORCYCLE POLICE CLEAR THE STREETS.



THIS IS WASHINGTON SQUARE.

WHAT IS THAT BIG BUG GOING THRU THE ARCH— DOES IT BITE?



SEE THOSE TWO SCOUTS ON HIS SHOULDER?

THEY'RE TAKING AN AWFUL CHANCE OF FALLING!



IT'S A BEAUTIFUL CITY— BIGGER THAN I THOUGHT.

IT'S THE BIGGEST CITY IN OUR WORLD.

THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT LITTLE OLD NEW YORK!



THERE'S THE YANKEE STADIUM A MILE AHEAD OF US.

YOU'LL HAVE TO CROSS THE ELEVATED TRACKS TO GET THERE.



CAN YOU MAKE IT?

OH, THIS IS EASY!

BOB AND BILL



SCOUTMASTER CARNEY AND A LOCAL TROOP TAKE CARE OF THE GIANT'S NEEDS.

BOB AND BILL

THIS IS YOUR ROYAL THRONE PRINCESS! DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE CROWN NOW?

YES I WILL GREET THEM HERE.

FOR THE REST OF THE DAY THE LITTLE PRINCESS HOLDS AUDIENCE BEHIND PROTECTING GLASS.

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE SHE'S REALLY ALIVE!

THEY SAY SHE CAME FROM ANOTHER WORLD!

DON'T CROWD AGAINST THE GLASS PLEASE.

HERE'S ALL YOUR FAN MAIL PRINCESS— STACKS AND STACKS OF TELEGRAMS!

OH READ THEM TO ME, PLEASE.

THIS WIRE SAYS— "WELCOME TO AMERICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL VISITOR— THE LITTLE PRINCESS!"

GO ON... READ ME MORE!

A PRESENT FOR THE LITTLE PRINCESS WHERE SHALL WE PUT IT?

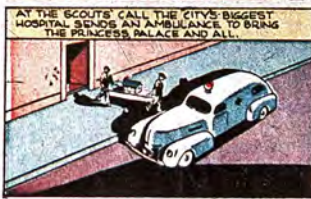
RIGHT HERE BY HER DESK.

WHY IT'S A DOLL'S PALACE, READY FOR THE PRINCESS TO LIVE IN.

HOW WONDERFUL!

MY OWN NEW HOME— WITH A FOUNTAIN AND A GARDEN AND EVERYTHING! HOW KIND PEOPLE ARE TO ME!

BOB AND BILL



BOB AND BILL

GIVE HER A LITTLE MORE OXYGEN NURSE

THIS BABY INCUBATOR IS SAVING HER LIFE!



NEWS AM.
DOCTORS SAY LITTLE PRINCESS MUST RETURN TO HER WORLD

EXTRA/EXTRA/LATEST REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF THE LITTLE PRINCESS!



I DON'T BELIEVE THAT NONSENSE ABOUT ANOTHER WORLD INSIDE THE EARTH'S CRUST.

SCIENTISTS BELIEVE IT—AND SO DOES THE ARMY.



THIS IS DR. DELIVER, FROM THE MUSEUM—HE THINKS WE CAN OPEN THE TUNNEL TO THE INNER WORLD SO YOU AND THE LITTLE PRINCESS CAN GO HOME.

ISPLENDID! I LIKE YOUR LITTLE OLD NEW YORK BILL, BUT IT MAKES ME LONGER SICK.



OUR GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED ITS BIGGEST AIRSHIP TO CARRY US ALL ACROSS THE OCEAN.

YOU MEAN IT WILL CARRY ME THROUGH THE AIR? THAT WILL BE A BIGGER THING THAN I'VE HAD YET. WELL, I START NOW—THE SHIP IS WAITING FOR US AT LAKEHURST.



THERE'S THE AIRSHIP—THE ARMY'S BIGGEST DIRIGIBLE BALLOON!

IT DOES LOOK BIG ENOUGH TO CARRY EVEN MY WEIGHT.



THE GIANT CARRIES BOB AND BILL TO THE LAKEHURST FLYING FIELD.

WE'RE TAKING THE PRINCESS IN HER INCUBATOR. THE GIANT WILL HAVE TO RIDE ON A ROPE HANGING BELOW THE SHIP.

WE'LL EXPLAIN THAT TO HIM, DR. DELIVER.



BOB AND BILL

WITH THE GIANT HANGING BELOW THE DRIGIBLE STARTS ACROSS THE OCEAN. WHEN A SEVERE STORM OVERTAKES THEM THE GIANT REALIZES HIS WEIGHT IS A HANDICAP TO THE DRIGIBLE....



THE SHIP'S SINKING TOWARD THE OCEAN! IT WILL BE WRECKED IN THOSE WAVES!

THE DRIGIBLE PLUNGES TOWARD THE WAVES.

WE'LL STRIKE THE WATER IN A MINUTE. SEND OUT A SOS!

AYE-AYE, SIR! BUT WE'LL SINK BEFORE A SHIP CAN REACH US!



WE'RE RISING LIKE A FEATHER!

THE GIANT! WE MUST HAVE LOST HIM!

BAD NEWS BOYS! THE GIANTS LOST!

WE MUST HAVE LET GO SO AS TO SAVE THE SHIP!

HE'S A GOOD SWIMMER... MAYBE HE'LL GET THROUGH THE STORM!



WE'LL DRIFT AROUND NEAR THE COAST AND SEE IF THE GIANT SHOWS UP.

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S DEAD.



THERE HE IS... COMING ASHORE! HE WASN'T DROWNED!



NO MORE FLYING FOR ME! I LIKE MY FEET ON SOLID GROUND!

AND I LIKE THIS BETTER THAN RIDING IN AN AIRSHIP.

WE OUGHT TO SIGHT THE TUNNEL BETWEEN THE WORLDS SOON.

TO BE CONTINUED





DES UG TE SO GLO!

SO GLO!

WE'RE IN FOR IT NOW!



WHY YOU MAKE US PRISONER?

WITCH DOCTOR MAKE MEDICINE --- TRIBE GOD SAY HE WANT TO EAT YOU!

WE TASTE VELLY SOUR!



BOUND TOGETHER, CLYDE AND WONG WONG ARE MARCHED TO THE VILLAGE. THE WITCH DOCTOR STANDS READY TO MEET THEM.



GREAT AND FRIENDLY WITCH DOCTOR-- TURN US LOOSE-- WE HAVE GETS!

NO GETS! YOU DIE NOW! THE LIVING TRIBE GOD ORDER IT SO!



LOOK IN THE CAGE! THE LARGEST TARANTULA SPIDER I'VE EVER SEEN. --IT'S THEIR LIVING GOD!

ME WISHEE HIM DEAD GOD!



XU SAKI ZUK TOR! -- SO GLO!

HE TELLS THE TARANTULA THEY HAVE BROUGHT US AS HE ORDERED. THEY WILL TIE US TO THE WEB!

CLYDE BEATTY





HALFWAY TO ITS VICTIMS, THE SPIDER STOPS TO REST BUT THE INDIANS GOAD IT ON TO THE KILL...

SUDDENLY A LOW GROWL STARTLES THE WILD INDIANS... THEY TURN TO SEE A PANTHER HUNGRILY WATCHING THEM... ITS JOWLS DRIPPING!



THE MIRACLE... THAT PANTHER GOING TO SAVE OUR LIVES!

SCUSSEE... HE HUNGRIER THAN SPIDER!



THINKING FIRST OF THE SAFETY OF HIS TRIBE... THE WITCH DOCTOR DRAWS A KNIFE AND WALKS TOWARD THE CROUCHING PANTHER...

WITCHES DOCTOR GO FIGHTS PANTHER

THAT CAT WILL TEAR HIM TO PIECES... I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



STOP... OH MIGHTY WITCH DOCTOR -- FREE ME AND I WILL SAVE YOUR PEOPLE!



HURRY! THE TARANTULA IS ON US!

KILL PANTHER -- YOU GO FREE!



HE GOTTEE ME OWWWWW!!

GRAB ME -- I'LL PULL YOU FREE!



CONVINCED BY CLYDE'S WORDS, THE WITCH DOCTOR ORDERS THEM FREED... MEANWHILE THE TARANTULA CRAWLS WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE...



YOU'RE SAFE NOW, WIG WONG!

OH THANKEE SO MUCH!



NOW TO SHOW THESE INDIANS HOW TO TRAIN A WILD PANTHER!



A STOOL! WITH MY WHIP AND THIS STOOL MR. PANTHER IS DONE FOR!



THE PANTHER SPRINGS BUT CLYDE QUICKLY BRINGS HIS STOOL INTO PLAY TAKING THE PANTHER BY SURPRISE...

UNDER THE RELENTLESS, BLINDING CRACK OF CLYDE'S EXPERT WHIP THE PANTHER SLOWLY GIVES GROUND...



CONCENTRATING UPON KEEPING HIS WHIP CRACKING IN THE PANTHER'S EYES, CLYDE TRIPS!

WIG WONG, QUICK TO SEE HIS MASTER'S DANGER, GRABS AN AXE FROM THE FLOOR AND HURLS IT WITH 99.99-SECOND TIMING!



CLYDE BEATTY

THE AYE WAGGERS ITS MARK - THE PANTHER'S BRAIN - BUT BERT'S DEEP IN 'S 4-QUADDER ---

GOOD WORK, WIG WONG!

WATCHEE SELF, MASTER!



STUNNED BY THE PAIN IN HIS SHOULDER, THE PANTHER ROLLS OFF CLYDE TRYING TO FREE THE WEAPON ---

THREE OR FOUR FLICKS OF THE WHIP AND WE'LL HAVE HIM TIED SO HE CAN'T MOVE!



--AND THAT FINISHES MR. PANTHER IN THE BEST ANIMAL TRAINING TRADITION!



MASTER AURE PUTTEE HIM TO BED QUICKEE,

WILL THE GREAT AND MIGHTY WITCH DOCTOR TAKE HONOR OF KILLING PANTHER?



WE GRATEFUL TO GREAT MAN OF WHIP --- I ACCEPT HONOR OF KILL!

PANTHER TAKE YOU PLACE AS SACRIFICE TO LIVING TRIBE GOD!



YOU GREAT FRIEND MY PEOPLE DO ANYTHING FOR YOU.



I AM LOOKING FOR RARE ANIMALS OF JUNGLE -- YOU LEAD ME TO THEM?

YES AND HELP CATCH TOO / OTHER WHITE MAN SAY SAME THING TWO DAYS AGO -- HE WANT ME KILL YOU -- NOW WE KILL HIM!



SO - BERT BLAY PLANNED THIS PARTY / IF HE WEREN'T A COWARD HE'D COME OUT IN THE OPEN AND FIGHT!

CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

GABBY SCOOPS

BY BILL TREADWELL

SCOOOPS

drawn by BILL CONNOR



GABBY SCOOPS IS OFF TO COVER A SPORTS STORY... ALL THE PAPERS HAVE BEEN RAVING ABOUT 'GARGOA' NEW WRESTLING CHAMP GABBY FIGURES THERE MUST BE AN INSIDE STORY... NO MAN CAN BE THIS POWERFUL!! OTTO JOINS GABBY IN HIS SEARCH FOR A SCOOP!



GABBY SCOOPS

BACK IN GABBY'S HOTEL

I HEAR THERE'S A BIG PRIZE OFFERED TO THE HUMAN WHO CAN CONQUER THIS POWERHOUSE

DON'T LET DIS GARGOA FOOL US... A LITTLE REST I BE IN DA SHAPE...

DE OL' MUSKELS STILL FLEXIN'... MAYBE YOU MATCH ME

RING

HELLO, DUKE... YEAH JUST GOT IN TOWN SURE... WE'LL BE RIGHT DOWN TO SEE YOUR BOY TRAIN

AND SO THEY VISIT THE GYM

YOU TALK I KEPT STILL

O.K., OTTO, DON'T BE TOO ANXIOUS

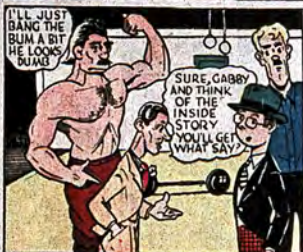
GLAD TO SEE YA, SCOOPS... THIS BOY IS REALLY THE TALK OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY... C'MON IN AND SEE HIM

I FOUND HIM IN THE CALIFORNIA HILLS... NO ONE WANTS TO FIGHT HIM

HERE HE IS, GENTS THE GREAT GARGOA THE FIERCEST ONE-MAN SHOW IN THE WORLD

OH, H. H. P.

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